

Improvements Will Save Town Taxpayers \$250,000 Per Year

Grand Island, NY – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced \$500,000 will be awarded to the Town of Grand Island for upgrades to the Town's Water Treatment Plant creating yearly savings of \$250,000 for Town residents.

The funding announced today will cover almost half of the cost for the Town to upgrade approximately 2,500 feet of 16 inch waterline from the plant discharge along Ferry Road. With these improvements, the Town will increase the amount of water it can process by 63 percent or 1.6 million gallons per day, reducing the need to buy water from Niagara County and saving the Town \$250,000 each year.

“At a time when our infrastructure is in desperate need of repairs, I am pleased to join Supervisor McMahon in Grand Island to celebrate the much needed funding that will bring safe drinking water to the residents of Grand Island and save local taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars,” said Slaughter. “Improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of the town’s water treatment plant will benefit more than 18,000 residents and are necessary for the town to provide clean water for the sustained residential and commercial growth on the Island through 2016.”

“I’d like to thank Congresswoman Louise Slaughter for her continued assistance to the Town of Grand Island,” said Town of Grand Island Supervisor Peter McMahon. “This isn’t the first time Congresswoman Slaughter has helped the Water Treatment plant. As a direct result of the sewer line extension that was funded in 2004, two new buildings were built and an existing plaza was expanded. Today, there are 7 businesses along Grand Island Boulevard that didn’t exist before the project was planned.”

In FY 2004, Slaughter secured \$250,000 for a portion of the cost of constructing a sewer main on Grand Island Boulevard in an area that did not have a sanitary sewer at the time. As a result of the funding and the sewer that was built, 3 new development projects have resulted making way for a gym, physical rehabilitation office, medical office, pharmacy, law office, beauty shop, and tea shop.